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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 014220

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS:CASC, PINS, PFOR, US, DM

SUBJECT:BENIN COUP - RELEASE OF CRO DAVIS

REF: COTONOU 157

1. DEPARTMENT RECEIVED HEAR OF DAVIS RELEASE AND COMMENDS  
POST'S EFFORTS IN HIS BEHALF.

2. YOU MAY SUPPORT PROTEST BY DEAN OF CORPS REGARDING DE-  
TENTION OF DIPLOMATS WITHOUT REASON.

3. NEED SOONEST SUMMARY OF ANY STATEMENT DAVIS MAY HAVE  
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SIGNED.

4. SINCE DAVIS HAS BEEN RELEASED YOU SHOULD WITHDRAW RE-  
QUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS WITH PRESIDENT AND MINISTER OF  
INTERIOR. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT POST HAD NOT NOTIFIED MFA  
OF DAVIS ARRIVAL AND GPRB WAS IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION  
UNDER WHICH THEY FEARED THE OVERTHROW OF THEIR GOVERNMENT,

WE DO NOT BELIEVE FORMAL PROTEST AT PRESIDENTIAL LEVEL  
OVER DETENTION FOR 6 DAYS WOULD BE ADVISABLE ESPECIALLY  
SINCE NATIONALS OF OTHER COUNTRIES ALSO DETAINED.  
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## Message Attributes

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**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
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**TAGS:** CASC, PINS, PFOR, US, DM, (DAVIS, JOHN)  
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